

Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert the paragraph beginning on page 1, at line 4 as shown below:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 10/114,750, filed April 2, 2002, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,452,686, which is a continuation of prior application Serial No. 09/035,564, filed on March 22, 1998, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,366,357.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 42, at line 5 as shown below:

The system 210 also includes a beam deflector 226 which deflects the combined low N.A. beam and the high N.A. beam to a beam splitter 228, a lens 230 and to an object ~~230~~ 232. The resulting beams reflected from the object ~~230~~ 232 then are passed through the lens 230, reflected by the beam splitter 228, spatially filtered by a single or multiple slit 234, focused by a lens 236 and detected by a detector 238. Alternatively, the laser sources 214 and 216 could have different wavelengths.